

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

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**Listing of Claims:**

1-18. (Canceled)

10 19. (Currently amended) A sealed shipping or trucking container which

(A) has a volume of at least 8 m<sup>3</sup>,

(B) contains

(i) a controlled atmosphere in which the content of oxygen is less than in air, and

15 (ii) contains a plurality of sealed packages which are surrounded by the controlled atmosphere, each of the sealed packages comprising

(a) a sealed polymeric bag , and

(b) within the sealed polymeric bag, (i) 16-22 kg of bananas and

(ii) a packaging atmosphere around the bananas, the packaging

20 atmosphere being which is substantially constant, which is as a temperature less than 18°C, and which an equilibrium atmosphere comprising O<sub>2</sub>, CO<sub>2</sub> , and exogenous ethylene or the residue of exogenous ethylene, the O<sub>2</sub> content having a substantially constant value which is 1.5 to 6%, the CO<sub>2</sub> content having a substantially constant value which is less than 15%, and comprises 1.5 to 6%

25 O<sub>2</sub>, less than 15% CO<sub>2</sub>, the total quantity of O<sub>2</sub> and CO<sub>2</sub> being less than 16%, and exogenous ethylene or the residue of exogenous ethylene;

the sealed polymeric bag

30 (a) having an O<sub>2</sub> permeability at 13 °C. per kg of bananas in the package (OP13/kg), of at least 1500 ml/atm.24 hrs, an

ethylene permeability at 13°C per kg of bananas (EtP13/kg) which is at least 2 times of the OP13/kg, and an R ratio at 13 °C of at least 3; and

(b) including at least one atmosphere control member which (i) provides a pathway for O<sub>2</sub>, CO<sub>2</sub> and ethylene to enter or leave the packaging atmosphere, and (ii) comprises a microporous polymeric film and a polymeric coating on the microporous film.

10 20. (Cancelled)

21. (Currently amended) A sealed package comprising

(a) a sealed polyethylene polymeric bag, and

(b) within the sealed polyethylene polymeric bag, (i) bananas, and (ii) a

15 packaging atmosphere around the bananas which is an equilibrium atmosphere comprising O<sub>2</sub>, CO<sub>2</sub>, and exogenous ethylene or the residue of exogenous ethylene, the O<sub>2</sub> content having a substantially constant value which is 1.5 to 6%, the CO<sub>2</sub> content having a substantially constant value which is less than 15%, and substantially constant and which comprises 1.5 to 6% O<sub>2</sub>, less than 15% CO<sub>2</sub>, the total quantity of O<sub>2</sub> and CO<sub>2</sub> being less than 16%, and exogenous ethylene or a residue of exogenous ethylene;

20 the sealed polymeric bag comprising at least one atmosphere control member which (i) provides a pathway for O<sub>2</sub>, CO<sub>2</sub> and ethylene to enter or leave the packaging atmosphere, and (ii) provides at least 50% of the oxygen permeability of the sealed bag comprises a microporous polymeric film and a polymeric coating on the microporous film; and

25 the sealed polymeric bag having an O<sub>2</sub> permeability at 13 °C. per kg of bananas in the package (OP13/kg), of at least 1500 ml/atm.24 hrs, an ethylene permeability at 13°C per kg of bananas (EtP13/kg) which is at least 2 times of the OP13/kg, and an R ratio at 13 °C of at least 2.

22. (Canceled)
23. (Currently amended) A ~~shipping or trucking~~ container according to claim 19 wherein the bananas and the packaging atmosphere are the sole contents of each of 5 the sealed bags.
24. (Previously presented) A package according to claim 21 wherein the bananas and the packaging atmosphere are the sole contents of the sealed bag.
- 10 25-28. (Canceled)
29. (Currently amended) A ~~shipping or trucking~~ container according to claim 19 wherein the sealed polymeric bag has an EtP13/kg which is at least 3 times the OP13/kg.
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30. (Currently amended) A ~~shipping or trucking~~ container according to claim 19 wherein the bananas have passed the peak of their climacteric.
31. (Canceled)
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32. (Currently amended) A ~~shipping or trucking~~ container according to claim 19 wherein the packaging atmosphere is at a temperature less than 16°C.
- 33-34. (Canceled)
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35. (Previously presented) A package according to claim 21 wherein the sealed polymeric bag has an EtP13/kg which is at least 3 times the OP13/kg.
36. (Previously presented) A package according to claim 21 wherein the 30 bananas have passed the peak of their climacteric.

37. (Currently amended) A package shipping or trucking container according to claim 21 wherein the packaging atmosphere is at a temperature less than 18°C.

38. (Currently amended) A package shipping or trucking container according to 5 claim 21 wherein the packaging atmosphere is at a temperature less than 16°C.

39. (New) A container according to claim 19 wherein each of the sealed packages contain 16-22 kg of the bananas.

10 40. (New) A container according to claim 19 wherein the packaging atmosphere is at a temperature less than 18°C.

41. (New) A container according to claim 19 wherein the controlled atmosphere surrounding the sealed packages contains less than about 12% of oxygen.

15 42. (New) A container according to claim 19 wherein the atmosphere control member in each of sealed polymeric bags (i) comprises a microporous polymeric film and a polymeric coating on the microporous film and (ii) provides at least 75% of the permeability of the sealed bag.

20 43. (New) A container according to claim 19 wherein each of the polymeric bags is a polyethylene bag.

25 44. (New) A container according to claim 19 wherein each of the polymeric bags contain 16-22 kg of the bananas.

45. (New) A package according to claim 21 wherein the polyethylene bag contains 16-22 kg of the bananas.

46. (New) A package according to claim 21 wherein the atmosphere control member (i) comprises a microporous polymeric film and a polymeric coating on the microporous film and (ii) provides at least 75% of the permeability of the sealed bag.